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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT TO PRESS

1. WE ARE NOW RELEASING TO THE PRESS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
2. "WE HAVE SEEN NEWS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT TITO HAS ACCUSED U.S. AMBASSADOR LAWRENCE SILBERMAN OF INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF YUGOSLAVIA.

AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN HAS THE FULL CONFIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE. IT IS AGAINST U.S. POLICY TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF YUGOSLAVIA; THE U.S. IS NOT ENGAGED IN AN ANTI-YUGOSLAV CAMPAIGN, NOR DOES IT SEEK TO COMPROMISE YUGOSLAVIA PRIOR TO NEXT MONTH'S NONALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO. THE U.S. RESPECTS AND SUPPORTS THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND FREEDOM OF DECISION OF YUGOSLAVIA. IT EXPECTS THE SAME RESPECT FOR ITS OWN VITAL CONCERNS. ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY WE HAVE MAINTAINED A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP, WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO EXPAND. AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN IS

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ABLY CARRYING OUT THESE PRECEPTS OF AMERICA'S POLICY." KISSINGER

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